

Baskerville Historics Information sheet one – June, 2017

We have much pleasure in issuing our 1st information sheet for the 2017 event. Please be aware that all relevant information relating to the event will be placed both the MG Car Club of Tasmania and Hobart Sporting Car Club websites.

This year's event is shaping up to be a ripper!. As you would know, we have been busy over the last few months with the re sealing of the Pepsi Max Baskerville Raceway. This has been well received and a relief to see the project reach this milestone. During this period, we have also held plenty of discussions with owners of some amazing cars that are committed to attending this year's event; their interest has been helped by the enthusiasm of many prospective competitors wanting to try out the new track surface. The details on the special cars and competitors of note will be slowly released to the public in the coming months, we can't wait! As with previous years, this year's event is shaping up to be one of the most critical as far as the Baskerville Foundation goes. Like many projects such as the track resurfacing, the funds raised to date have not covered the final costs. The outcome being that this year's meeting is about assisting in raising the much needed funds to cover the \$170 000 shortfall. Again we ask that all competitors help us spread the word of the iconic historic meeting and achieve the biggest crowd in the events history. Increasing this number will ensure the event's success off the track. Now getting back on track and into the important stuff!

Entry forms are now available on both club websites, and a bulk mail out to all recent competitors will occur this week. Entries will close on Friday 8th September 2017, no late entries will be accepted after this date <u>under any</u> <u>circumstances</u>. With this much notice, there is absolutely no excuse not to enter on time!

This year's event will be a three-day format, we will say for the first time as those will remember the cancelation of the Friday's schedule last year due to the atrocious weather and unsafe conditions. This format will ensure that all categories will have a minimum of 4 events, possibly 5 over the 2 days of competition. The event schedule will be finalised closer to the event, but as a guide, the following will occur.

Thursday 26th September Practice day for all competitors free of charge

Friday 27th September morning official practice and afternoon qualifying for all classes

Saturday 28th September, competition for all classes

Sunday 29th September, competition for all classes

The Committee is also planning an opportunity to have your race car scrutineered prior to the event on Wednesday 18th September 2017 at Bridgestone Select Moonah and a Launceston based workshop to be advised. Bookings will be essential and information on how to book your car in will be provided closer to the event.

We have received many queries regarding travel across Bass Straight. There are 2 options available. Bookings are available all year round on the Spirit of Tasmania. Please contact the Spirit of Tasmania direct for sailing availability and costs etc. The alternative is via freight on Sea Road which sails directly out of Melbourne into Devonport. There are



some special rates available for this service if you mention the Baskerville Historics when booking. Cost for this service is cars up to 5.5m long \$730 for the round trip, trailers \$245 per lineal metre for the round trip. Contact Sea Road on 03 6421 9400.

This year the committee has again pledged to provide a car trailer at no cost to any mainland competitor who wishes to drive their race car and a tow vehicle onto the Spirit of Tasmania or Sea Road, then tow their race car to Baskerville and back to Devonport after the event. Obviously we need ample time to make these arrangements, and this facility will only be provided to Mainland competitors who make prior arrangements by contacting Robin Wilmot on mobile 0400 193 579.

The Historic Race committee have again agreed that there will be <u>no</u> tender / tow vehicles or trailers in the centre of the track, i.e. the "pit area". <u>Other than 2 small areas where we can place up to 8 enclosed trailers</u>. <u>All tender / tow vehicles must be placed in the designated parking area outside the circuit</u>. This has occurred over the last 3 years and worked extremely well, creating additional space in the pits, and a fantastic viewing experience for the public. On Thursday's practice day, Race cars and equipment can be unloaded in the pit area, but we would ask that as soon as your gear is unloaded that you remove your tender / tow car and trailer from the pits. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, <u>NO</u> Race cars will be unloaded in the Pit area. Race cars must be unloaded in the designated trailer unloading area outside of the circuit. The organisers will have several vehicles ferrying equipment into the pits and back out again for your use on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please re-frame from trying to convince officials that you must have your tow vehicle in the pits, it is tiresome and a waste of time. There will be no exceptions!

On Sunday at the conclusion of racing, race cars and equipment can be loaded in the pit area, however to save congestion in the pits, it would appreciated if your race car can be loaded outside the circuit if at all possible. A detailed map of the designated areas will be provided in further communication. Just to be also clear, exiting of the circuit will not be facilitated until the end of competition, again please don't try and convince officials to hold up the meeting by letting you out early, it won't be happening.

The 2 areas where <u>enclosed only trailers can be used</u> will be issued on a first in first served basis and once they are filled, that is the limitation of the amount of space allocated to trailers, no if's and but's. Competitors with enclosed trailers will need to confirm their request for one of these spots by completing and submitting their paid in full entry form, and by contacting <u>Peter Killick on 0419 141 641 or email pjkillick@bigpond.com_to confirm their parking arrangements.</u> <u>Owners of trailers in the pits will be asked to consider making a donation of \$50 towards the Foundation for the privileged of having your trailer in the pits.</u>

In an effort to provide additional shelter, we have organised for additional 6m x 3m marquees, located on the back straight side of the hot mix pit area, and in the Southern grassed area at the bottom of the pits. Shelters and Ezi ups will not be permitted on the hot mix area again this year. Given our relationship with the October winds, we are not risking it! Marquees are available for \$275 for the 3 days of the meeting, Friday – Sunday and will be issued on a first in basis. Marquees can be reserved by completing and submitting your paid in full entry and marquee order form and then emailing or text messaging to <u>Peter Killick on 0419 141 641 or via email pjkillick@bigpond.com</u> to confirm your



marquee. Marquees will be allocated prior to your arrival at the circuit and will be posted on the window of the Race Secretaries office by 7.30am Thursday 29th September, 2016. There are no carports available for hire for this year's event. The carports have been reserved for the motorbike classes and the MG Carports have been allocated to MGCCT invited competitors.

Marquees and race entries will not be acknowledged by the organising committee until payment is made in full.

Competitors not hiring a marquee, will be issued a 6m x 3m car space on the grassed areas, where you are free to erect your own "Ezy Up" shelter. Please note that the pit area has been extended into the <u>old</u> trailer parking zone at the Southern end of the pit area, this has created an additional space for around 30 cars. 6 x 3 spaces will be clearly marked and we request your observe these areas and park within the nominated space.

On the most important social side of the race meeting, there will be 3 evening opportunities to undertake a bit of social networking. Friday night we will have a function when guest interviewer, Barry Oliver will again interview several name drivers in a relaxing and informal function. Details are still being finalised, but location will be in the city, cost will be minimal, drinks will be available, with a commencement time of around 7.30pm. We can let you in on a little secret, that is the first guest to be released is none other than Allan Moffat, promising to be an event not to be missed!

On Saturday evening at the conclusion of racing, there will be a "man cave auction" and evening meal, along with the full bar operating in the Darryl Wilcox Hobart Sporting Car Clubrooms. We have some fantastic items up for grabs in support of the Baskerville Foundation, and food will be available for \$10P.P, it promises to be a light hearted bit of entertainment with an opportunity to grab a memento for your shed! A catalogue for the auction items will be provided closer to the event with your entry details.

On Sunday evening at the conclusion of racing, we will have our trophy presentation and BBQ, with food available for a gold coin donation and full bar facilities operating again.

A time table for the meeting will be issued with the further regulations prior to the meeting, please read it carefully and as always the organising committee reserves the right to amend event start times during the meeting or alter the program should a significant delay occur.

Thursday practice will commence on track at 10am, and will be scheduled in categories ensuring track time for all racing and regularity classes. Again, this will be issued with the further regulations, please read it carefully. Scrutineering will be available commencing at 8am Friday. Practice will conclude at 4pm.

Drivers briefing will be conducted in 2 separate groups, 1 for racing and 1 for regularity classes. Drivers briefing location and times will be issued with the further regulations.

Dorian timing transponders <u>ARE</u> required for all <u>racing</u> classes only. We will again be introducing a separate timing system for Regularity competitors which will be provided at no cost to competitors, more details will be provided closer to the event.



1st, 2nd and 3rd Racing class placings will be determined on an overall point scoring system over all weekend races. All Racing categories will be running progressive grids at this meeting. Points will be awarded as follows

Place 1st 30, 2nd 25, 3rd 22, 4th 20, 5th 18, 6th 16, 7th 14, 8th 13, 9th 12, 10th 11, 11th 10, 12th 9, 13th 8, 14th 7, 15th 6, 16th 5, 17th 4, 18th 3, 19th 2 and 20th and beyond 1 point. Full Trophy list will be released closer to the event, however we can confirm our perpetual trophies on offer.

This year the following special trophies include:

Andrew Jones Trophy - highest early model Holden point scorer in Regularity Sedans

Lyn Archer Trophy – 1st place overall Sports and Racing Category

Max Bowen Trophy – Winner Sports and Racing Regularity Category

Richard Purtell Trophy – Highest place Torana in Group N

Chris Ellis Memorial Trophy – Winner Group N Mini only race

Mike McIvor Memorial Trophy – best performance by a Group N Early Holden

Ossie Fitzgerald Memorial Trophy - best performance by a Mini in Regularity

Matt Hamilton Balls Out Trophy - most courageous motorcycle rider over the race meeting

Should a conflict with numbers Race numbers exist, the race organisers will contact the relevant competitors and attempt to resolve any potential problem prior to the event, however preference will be given to a local competitor over a visiting competitor with the same race number. Race numbers must be displayed on all race cars <u>including</u> <u>Regularity cars</u> as per the CAMS manual.

Camping sites are not available on site due to being no shower facilities; however competitors are free to camp overnight with permission from the organising committee.

The circuit WILL NOT be available for private practice on Wednesday 20th September. There will be plenty of practice opportunity at both Baskerville and Symmons Plains prior to the meeting, please contact the circuit on 62492071 to make a booking. A Test and Tune Day has been organised by the Historic Committee and will be held on Sunday 10th September 2016 at Pepsi Max Baskerville Raceway. Further details will be provided closer to the event.

Symmons Plains will be available for a practice session for mainland competitors on Monday 25th September for any competitor that has competed at the Baskerville Historics wanting to run a few laps of Symmons on the way back to the Spirit at no cost. Others can practice for \$100 per driver. Final details to be advised closer to the event and depending on interest.



Overnight security at the circuit will be provided on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6pm to 6am.

A highlight of the meeting will occur during the lunchtime break on Sunday when the track is opened up to the public for a grid walk. In recognition of the history of Touring Cars at Baskerville Raceway, selected race cars competing at this meeting will be invited to participate in the grid walk. Full details will be explained at the drivers briefing.

It is always appreciated if we can provide as much accurate and informative info to the commentary team prior to the event. It would be appreciated if you could provide a brief history or any relevant information on your race car or yourself if inclined. This information should be emailed to Donald Potter on <u>dcpotter@bigpond.com</u>

We are expecting significant fields of regularity competitors again at this year's event. We would ask that any queries relating <u>specifically to Regularity</u> be directed to Bronwyn Zuber on 0419 569 156

We will attempt to cater for varying categories and classes of open wheelers again this year. The earlier potential competitors contact us, the more chance we have of accommodating needs.

Summary of contacts

For race entries, general enquiries – Donald Potter <u>dcpotter@bigpond.com</u> or text 0419 388 198

For regularity queries – Bronwyn Zuber on <u>b.zuber@bigpond.com</u>

For reservation of enclosed trailer spaces, marquees or pit related queries – Peter Killick 0419 141 641 or preferably via email pjkillick@bigpond.com

Trailer queries - Robin Wilmot 0400 193 579

We are extremely excited about this year's Baskerville Historic race meeting and would love to see a bigger turnout than last year! The committee are extremely keen to accommodate the needs of visiting and local competitors where we can, and ask that you don't leave your entry any longer than necessary, that way we can do our best to make everyone happy!

Thanks again for your interest, hope to see you at Pepsi Max Baskerville Raceway.